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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Shepanek  
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FROM : Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson  
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

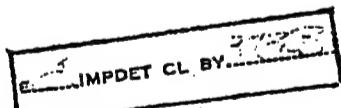
1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Harold Leap concerning CIA personnel at [Japan] Station.
2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.
3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

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interview

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at 9:30 A.M. on 5-14-78 <sup>SCA</sup> Staff

investigator Harold D. Lea interviewed  
William Crawford, former executive officer  
of the CIA station at Atsugi, Japan

on May 10<sup>th</sup> concerning his knowledge of LHO and  
the military intelligence that LHO may  
have possessed from his military assignment  
as Radio-radar operator at the Atsugi  
Naval Airbase.

Crawford advised that he did not  
know LHO and never heard the name  
until after the assassination of J.F.K.  
The U-2 program administered by  
the CIA at Atsugi did not have  
their own radio-radar facilities. The  
U-2 planes utilized the naval base  
communications for only for take-off  
and landing clearance.

The ~~other~~ CIA employees at Atsugi  
had no clandestine activity other than  
the U-2 program. All human

intelligence ~~needs~~<sup>resources</sup> were handled by ~~the~~ case officers stationed elsewhere in Japan.

The cover story for the U-2 plane at Atsugi was that it was used to monitor radio activity in the atmosphere. In fact the plane actually had equipment installed to measure radio activity to facilitate the cover story. ~~Under the~~

Oswald would have seen the U-2 take-off and land at the base however he would have no other information.

Radar operators would not be able to trace the U-2 ~~over~~<sup>over</sup> flights. The plane would take off in the opposite direction. The U-2 would ~~not~~ fly to a staging area (Peshawar, Pakistan) before going into the flight plan for the over-flight. However the Russians were aware of the over-flights from the beginning of the program 1955.

The Russian did not have the ability to shoot the U-2 down at the altitude of the U-2 flight.

CIA recruited personnel for the program from the military service. The pilots would resign from their respective service units with the understanding that at the completion

of the program they would go back without losing service time and at a rank comparable to their contemporaries. All program employees were paid by CIA. General maintenance on the U-2 was provided at Atsugi however major over-haul was made only in U.S.

Although the program was directed and administered by the CIA, the commander of the Atsugi program was Col. Marion "Hack" Nixon from the air force.

The program was terminated in 1960.

Harold:

Can you add the following statement:

Crawford said that had LHD been associated with the Agency, he, as exec officer, would've known about it.

~~However he would not have  
known of his assistance~~

## Partial Report

Relevant to Critic publications and specific allegations by former CIA employee James Wilecott that LHO was a CIA agent, Staff Investigator Harold D. Peep, interviewed the following CIA personnel to determine if there was collaboration for ~~the~~ Wilecott statements ~~had~~ relating to the Oswald agent issue.

1. Robert P. Wheeler, DOB 4 Oct 15, SSN 258-17-0844, 6600 Melwood Rd, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone no. 229-6368. Position with CIA, was Deputy Chief of Station, Tokyo, Japan, June 59 to ~~Oct~~ 64. Interviewed at CIA Bldg 4-13-78. Subject is retired.

2. Leo Rosenberg, DOB 2 Dec 23, SSN 122-14-2221, 1815 Opalocka Dr., Falls Church, VA, telephone no. 356-5283. Position with CIA for the period Jun 60 ~~Sept 64~~ was chief of Counter Intelligence, S.R. Branch, Tokyo, Japan. Interviewed CIA Bldg 4-10-78. Subject is retired.

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Marion's position with the CIA in 1963 at Tokyo, Japan was Intelligence assistant for the SE Section. Interviewed at CIA Bldg on 4-7-78.

Wf 4. Frederick C. Randall, DOB 28 Oct 26, SSN 503-20-4068, Presently employed at CIA Bldg, and has cover. Randall position with the CIA in Sept 61 to Aug 63 was chief of Prospecting at the Tokyo Station. Interviewed at CIA Bldg on \_\_\_\_\_.

notes ~~scribble~~

5. James S Wood,

station

at Tokyo

former

b. George von Bratzel, DOB 12 Dec 21  
SSN 074-18-5912, 14801 Springfield Rd  
Germantown Md, telephone 948-6908, former  
Tokyo, Japan

7. Howard M Orr, DOB 22 Jul 22,  
SSN 275 12 4377, address 8405 Weller Ave,  
McLean Va, telephone 893-3325, presently  
retired.

Tokyo

9. George A. Fiel, DOB 29 May 21 SSN  
address 27 Bay Tree, North Myrtle  
Beach, South Carolina 29582, telephone  
# 803-249-3193. Presently retired.

the Tokyu station!

9. Robert N. Keill , [redacted]

[redacted] Tokyo Station [redacted]

10. Jerome E. Fox , [redacted]

[redacted] former CIA

intelligence analysis at Tokyo station from Jul 1959 to Dec 1962, worked in program involving military intelligence. interviewed 5-1-78

11. William V. Broe, DOB 24 Aug 19, SSN 032 01 8164 address 111 Indian Trials, Scituate, Mass telephone 617-545-6113. former ~~COS~~ CIA COS Tokyo, Japan from 1961 to 1965 interviewed 5-15-78

12. William Crawford, DOB 19 Sept 24, SSN 429-26-4954 address 4944 Cass St, Apt 806 San Diego, Ca. 92109 telephone 714-273-2770 former CIA executive officer at Atsugi air base in charge of the U-2 program. (Details of interview conducted 5-14-78 submitted in separate report)

CIA employees

The above ~~individuals~~ were selected for interview because of the position they held ~~at the time~~ with the CIA at the Tokyo station during the time ~~frame~~ of 1959 to 1964.

James Wilcott ~~said~~ gave testimony in a closed hearing before the SCA that a CIA case officer ~~told him~~ stationed in Tokyo, Japan told him that LHO was a CIA agent and ~~also~~ mentioned LHO's cryptonym. The conversation took place in the Tokyo station shortly after the word of the JFK assassination was received on 23 Nov 63. Wilcott ~~said~~ stated that he could not recall the name of the case officer or the cryptonym. Wilcott also advised that considerable conversation took place among CIA employees concerning the Oswald-CIA agent issue.

The basic questions asked of the CIA employee selected were as follows:

- (a) Have you ever seen written documents which indicate that LHO was a <sup>intelligence</sup> CIA agent or source of information?
- (b) Have you ever heard anyone orally that LHO was an agent?
- (c) Have you ever heard <sup>conversational</sup> speculation that LHO was a CIA agent or intelligence source for any government service?
- (d) Were you in a position to know if LHO was recruited as a <sup>CIA</sup> agent during his tour of duty with the military in Japan?

- (e) When was the first time you ever heard the allegation that LHO ~~was~~ <sup>stay here</sup> ~~ever been~~ a CIA agent?
- (f) Did you know James & Elsie Wilcott in Japan?

~~None of the~~ ~~the~~ all individuals interviewed stated they never saw any documents nor heard any information that LHO was a CIA agent while stationed in Tokyo. Only after ~~this~~ <sup>these</sup> ~~against~~ publication and the Garrison investigation in the late 60's were they ~~so~~ aware of the ~~path~~ allegation.

Subjects 2, 7 & 8 expressed belief that LHO ~~may~~ <sup>could</sup> have been recruited by the KGB during his tour of duty in Japan. They based this belief on the fact that during the period of time that LHO was in Japan, the CIA station in Tokyo had identified a KGB program specifically double directed designed to recruit U.S. military personnel in Tokyo. However they had no information that the recruitment of LHO by the KGB did in fact take place.

Subject Jerome E. Fox was ~~described~~  
one person who Wilcat could remember ~~with who~~  
he had conversation ~~with~~ concerning the  
speculation that LHO was an agent for the  
CIA. The conversation supposedly took  
place in Japan after the information ~~that~~ was received  
LHO was the assassin of JFK. Fox  
advised investigator hep that he was in the U.S.  
at the time of assassination on 23 Nov 63.  
Fox's CIA personnel reflect he was  
transferred from the Tokyo station to the U.S.  
in 1962.

Subjects 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11 all  
thought they would have known  
if LHO had been ~~an~~ recruited  
as a CIA Agent while he was  
in Japan. All the subjects worked  
within the S R Branch of the  
Tokyo Station~~s~~ and theoretically  
~~would have~~ one of them would  
have handled or had knowledge  
of the recruitment. All thought  
if Oswald had been recruited  
with out their knowledge it would  
have been a rare exception to  
the working policy and guidelines  
of the station.